

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-77 of U.S. Patent No. US 5,816,918 ("the '918 patent") since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent. Applicant respectfully traverses. However, solely to expedite the allowance of this application and without estoppel effect, Applicant encloses herewith a properly executed Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '918 patent. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

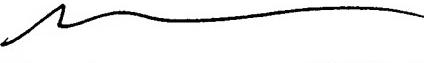
Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: applicant has spelled the word sufficient as "sufficient". This objection is not understood by Applicant. It would appear that the word "sufficient" is correctly spelled in claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the '918 patent. Applicant respectfully traverses. The '918 patent has as its earliest priority date 04/05/96, while this application has as its earliest priority date 10/02/92. Therefore, the '918 patent is not prior art to the present application. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

All claims being allowable, Applicant requests an early Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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